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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance given by the National Backward Class Finance andDevelopment Corporation to the backward castes in Gujarat for their higher education during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of persons benefited thereof so far, year-wise;

(c) the number of applications received/approved and the number of applications pending as on date and reasons therefor; and

(d) the criteria adopted for selection of persons for such assistance?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) The National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) hasbeen implementing the Education Loan Scheme. No financial assistance has been sanctioned to Gujarat under the scheme during the last 3 years and the current year, as the Gujarat State Channelising Agency has not submitted any proposalfor sanction of financial assistance from the NBCFDC under the scheme.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

(d) Under the Education Loan Scheme, the loan is granted through nominated StateChannelising Agencies to the students belonging to backward classes notified by the Central Govt. and State Govts., whose family income is below double the poverty line, i.e.,Rs. 42,412/- p.a. The loan is provided to the students who have obtained admission in any of the professional courses, e.g., MBA, MCA, graduate courses in Engineering conducted by IIT/ other institutions, Medical courses recognized by Medical Council of India and Diploma in Hospital Management Course as also distance education being offered byIGNOU and other recognized institutions. The assistance is provided through the institute/college concerned to meet the expenses on admission and tuition fee, books, stationery, etc., examination fee, boarding and lodging and insurance premium of policy of the students.